Canada Quiz

(circle the answer you think is correct)

1 Canada is the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th largest country in the world, with an area of nearly 2 million, 3 million, 4 million sq. miles.

2 The world's oldest mountain ranges are in Canada, being: the Rockies, the Laurentians, the St. Elias (in the Yukon).

3 Prehistoric animals roamed Canada, some weighed up to: 5 tons, 23 tons, 30 tons, and being up to: 18 ft, 50 ft, 70 ft long.

4 Canada has 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 provinces which border on salt water.

5 Canada is 2974, 3635, 5780, 6928 miles wide.

6 There are natural wonders in Canada called "Pingos." They are: rare mineral formations, growing ice hills, prehistoric fossils.

7 Canadians own the world's biggest railway, having: 3,900 miles of track, 7,500 miles, 12,000 miles, 25,000 miles, 35,000 miles.

8 The oldest oil well discovered in Canada was in: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Quebec, Ontario, Labrador.

9 A "fire mark" on a building indicated it was: damaged by fire, insured against fire, designated as a fire hazard.

10 The windiest section of Canada is in: Yukon, Northwest Territories, Gulf of St. Lawrence, Northern Saskatchewan.

ANSWERS

1 2nd, with nearly 4 million square miles (3,851,809).
2 The Laurentians (billions of years old), St. Elias is the world's youngest range.
3 Up to 30 tons and 70 ft in length.
4 8 provinces, only Alberta & Saskatchewan do not.
5 5,780 miles wide.
6 Pingos, ice hills, up to 300 ft high and twice that around. Canada's Pingos have attracted and baffled scientists for ages, and are found mainly in the mouth of the Mackenzie River at Tuktoyaktuk.
7 35,000 miles of track, being the Canadian National Railways.
8 In Ontario, at Oil Springs, in 1857.
9 Insured against fire. The insuring company affixed its metal plate or "mark" on the property. Before there were municipally organized fire fighting companies, insurance companies themselves provided fire brigades and needed the "fire mark" to identify the properties insured. See specimens on back.
10 Gulf of St. Lawrence.

even before

. . . the beginning of Canada under Confederation, five of these insurance companies were established in Canada and helping to make it grow.

1818 Quebec Assurance Company
1833 British America Assurance Company
1849 Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company Limited
1851 Royal Insurance Company Limited
1851 Western Assurance Company
1880 London & Lancashire Insurance Co. Ltd.
1893 Globe Indemnity Company of Canada
1899 Law Union & Rock Insurance Company
1905 Hudson Bay Insurance Company
1905 Imperial Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company of Canada
1908 London & Lancashire Guarantee & Accident Company of Canada
1917 British Canadian Insurance Company
1928 British Empire Insurance Company

today

. . . these companies have grown to become Canada's largest single Group of insurers for Home, Car and Business—still helping Canada grow.

These are examples of "fire marks" referred to in question 9.

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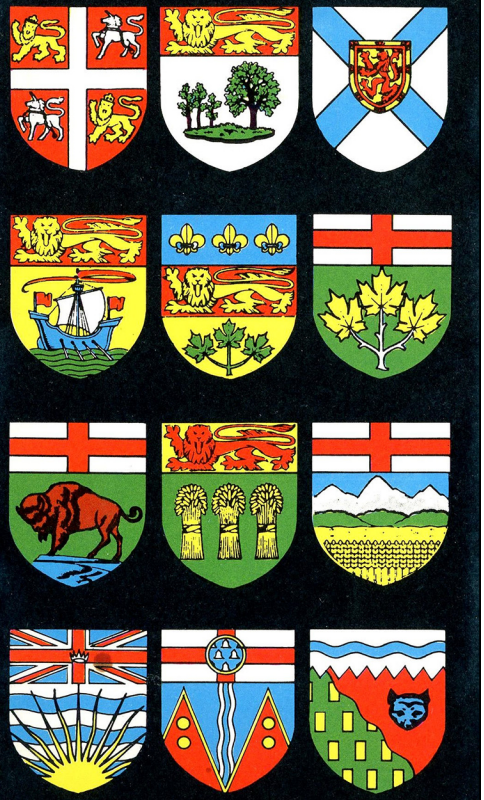
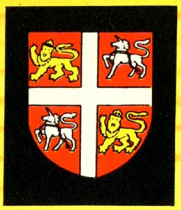


How the provinces got their names

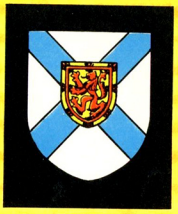


NEWFOUNDLAND

The last province to join Canada, it was one of the earliest to be discovered . . . by John Cabot in 1497. Originally named "New Founde Lande." Sir Humphrey Gilbert proclaimed it for "Good Queen Bess" in 1583. St. John's, the capital, was then a collection of about 50 houses.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The original inhabitants were the Micmac Indians who called it "Abegweit" meaning "cradled in the wave." The French later called it Ile St. Jean. In 1799 the island was named in honour of Edward, Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria.



NOVA SCOTIA

Originally called "Markland" (forest clad) by Erik, the Viking adventurer, in 896, it later became Acadia and was finally named after New Scotland. This was to honour King James VI of Scotland who granted the land to Sir William Alexander for the formation of a colony.

NEW BRUNSWICK

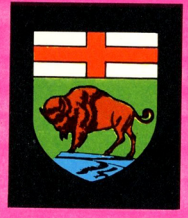
The United Empire Loyalists separated from Acadia in 1784. They chose to name their new province after the King's (George III) House of Brunswick. Saint John, is the oldest incorporated city in Canada.

QUEBEC

An Indian word "Kebec" meant "the river narrows here" which describes the St. Lawrence River at the point where Quebec City commands the narrows. Thus came the name of the city of Quebec, and then of the whole province.

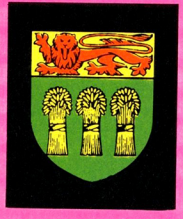
ONTARIO

Also of Indian origin, Ontario is believed to come from the Huron word "Onnontaerronen," a name these people had for an Iroquois nation near Buffalo, and for the great lake between these two Indian nations. The name Ontario was conferred on the province in 1867.



MANITOBA

The Indian spirit "manitou" was said to be beating his drums where rushing waters narrow to enter the lake. It was probably the sound of the waves on the resonant limestone beach—and so Lake Manitoba and after it the whole province, got a name.



SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan derives from a Cree word describing the river—"Kis-is-ska-tche-wan," meaning "fast flowing." Wide and forest-flanked, this vital water highway was called Saskatchewan by the early settlers, and later it became the name of the province.

ALBERTA

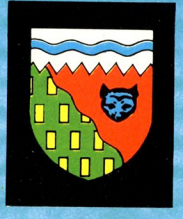
Originally part of Rupert's Land, Alberta became a province in 1905. It was named in 1882 for Queen Victoria's daughter Princess Louise Caroline Alberta, the wife of Canada's Governor-General, the Marquis of Lorne.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Chinese saw it first, then Sir Francis Drake, and he named it New Albion. The Spaniards followed, but it was Captain James Cook who claimed the land for Britain in 1778. Queen Victoria called it "Columbia" and added the word "British," of course. The new colony reciprocated by naming its capital Victoria.

YUKON

The Indian word "Yuchoo" means "great river" which aptly describes the origin of Yukon as the name of its important river, later adopted by the whole territory.



NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Originally two territories, a vast area called Rupert's Land and an adjoining region named after the famed North West Passage of 1584. Acquired by Canada in 1870 from Great Britain, both areas became known by the single name Northwest Territories.